

# Ice Sheet System model

## Ice flow models

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# Ice Sheet flow equations

## Incompressibility

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \text{Tr}(\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (1)$$

- $\mathbf{v} = (u, v, w)$  ice velocity (m/yr)
- $\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}$  strain rate tensor ( $\text{yr}^{-1}$ )

## Incompressible viscous fluid

$$\sigma' = 2\mu\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} \quad (2)$$

- $\sigma'$  deviatoric stress
- $\mu$  ice viscosity
- $\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}$  strain rate tensor

## Glen's flow law

$$\mu = \frac{B}{2\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_e^{\frac{n-1}{n}}} \quad (3)$$

- $B$  ice hardness
- $n$  Glen's law coefficient ( $n = 3$ )
- $\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_e$  effective strain rate (second invariant)

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## Conservation of momentum

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \quad \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' - \nabla P + \rho \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{0} \quad (4)$$

### Assumptions:

- ① Stokes flow (quasi-static assumption)
- ② Coriolis effect negligible

## Boundary conditions

Ice/Air interface: Free surface       $\Gamma_s \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{n} = P_{atm} \quad \mathbf{n} \simeq \mathbf{0}$

Ice/Ocean interface: water pressure       $\Gamma_w \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{n} = P_w \quad \mathbf{n}$

Ice/Bedrock interface (1): lateral friction       $\Gamma_b \quad (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{n} + \beta \mathbf{v})_{\parallel} = \mathbf{0}$

Ice/Bedrock interface (2): impenetrability       $\Gamma_b \quad \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0}$

Side boundaries: Dirichlet       $\Gamma_u \quad \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_{obs}$

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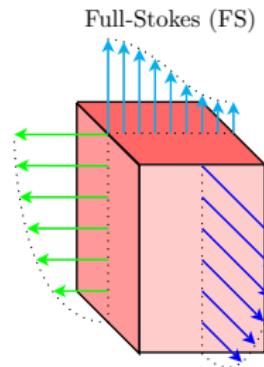
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## Full-Stokes model:

- Momentum balance + incompressibility
- 3D model
- Four unknowns ( $v_x, v_y, v_z, p$ )



$$(v_x, v_y, v_z, P)$$

## Model equations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( 2\mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} + \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} + \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( 2\mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( 2\mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - \rho g = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

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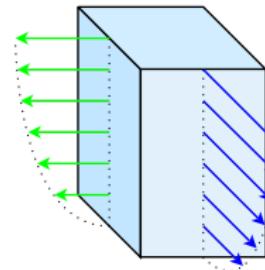
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Blatter-Pattyn (BP)

Higher-order model:

- [Blatter, 1995, Pattyn, 2003]
- 3D model
- Horizontal and vertical velocity decoupled
- $2(v_x, v_y) + 1(v_z)$  unknowns

 $(v_x, v_y)$ 

## Model equations

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( 2\mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} + \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} + \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( 2\mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( 2\mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - \rho g = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

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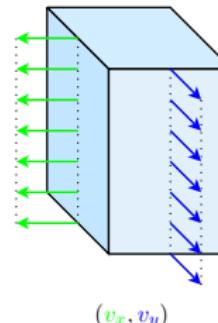
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MacAyeal-Morland (SSA)

Shelfy-stream approximation:

- [MacAyeal, 1989]
- 2D model
- Horizontal and vertical velocity decoupled
- $2(v_x, v_y) + 1(v_z)$  unknowns



## Model equations

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( 2\mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} + \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} + \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( 2\mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( 2\mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - \rho g = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

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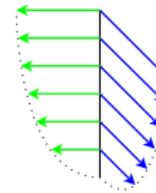
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Hutter (SIA)

Shallow ice approximation:

- [Hutter, 1983]
- 3D analytical model
- 2 unknowns ( $v_x, v_y$ ) computed separately

 $(v_x, v_y)$ 

## Model equations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( 2\mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} + \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} + \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( 2\mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( 2\mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - \rho g = 0 \\ \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

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# Material non-linearity

## Model equations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( 2\mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} + \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} + \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( 2\mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} + \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( 2\mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - \rho g = 0 \\ \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

## Glen's flow law

$$\mu = \frac{B}{2 \dot{\varepsilon}_e^n} \quad (5)$$

- $B$  ice hardness
- $n$  Glen's law coefficient ( $n = 3$ )
- $\dot{\varepsilon}_e$  effective strain rate (second invariant)

→ Treatment of non-linearity with fixed point

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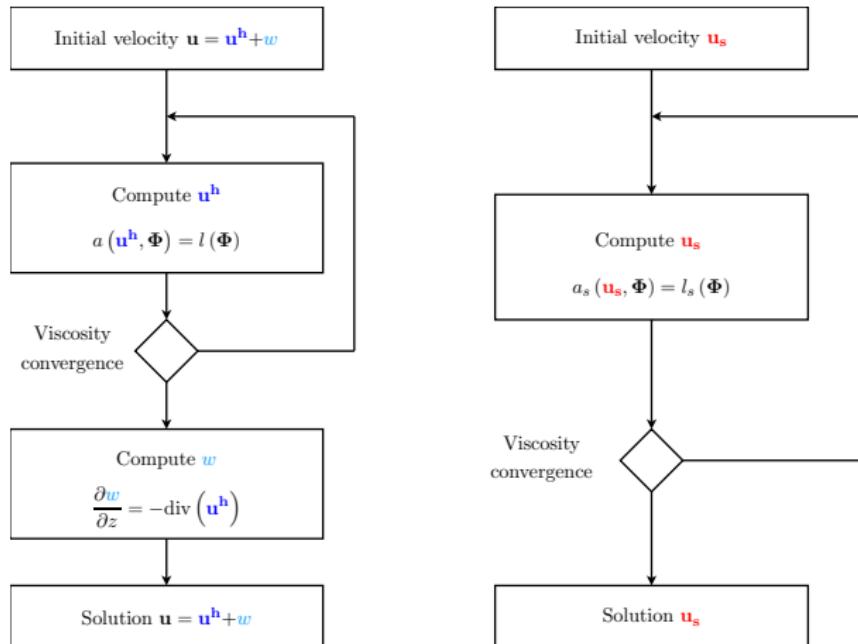
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# Material non-linearity

Treatment of non-linearity with fixed point:



Vertical velocity computed with incompressibility for 2d shelfy-stream and 3d Blatter/Pattyn modes.

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# Flow equation

`setflowequation` is used to generate the approximation used to compute the velocity

- Arguments:
  - ① model
  - ② approximation names
  - ③ approximation domains
- Domains can be Argus files or array of element flags
- Approximation available
  - stokes (Full-Stokes model)
  - pattyn (Higher-order model)
  - macayeal (Shallow Shelf Approximation)
  - hutter (Shallow Ice Approximation)
- Possibility of coupling models

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`setflowequation` is used to generate the approximation used to compute the velocity

- Examples

```
1 md=setflowequation(md,'hutter','all')
2 md=setflowequation(md,'stokes','all')
3 md=setflowequation(md,'macayeal','all')
4 md=setflowequation(md,'pattyn','all')
```

- To diplay the type of approximation:

```
1 >> plotmodel(md,'data','elements_type')
```

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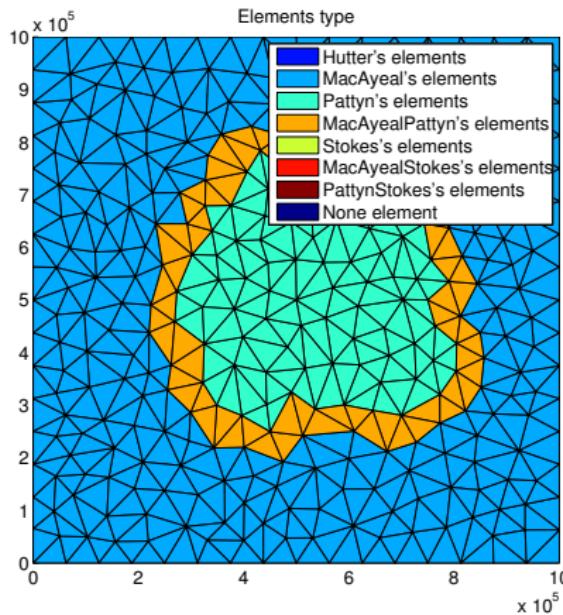
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- To display the type of approximation:

```
1 >> plotmodel(md, 'data', 'elements_type')
```



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```
1  >> md.flowequation
2
3  ans =
4
5      flow equation parameters:
6          ismacayealpattyn      : 0    -- is the macayeal or pattyn approximation used ?
7          isshutter             : 0    -- is the shallow ice approximation used ?
8          issstokes             : 0    -- are the Full-Stokes equations used ?
9          vertex_equation       : N/A   -- flow equation for each vertex
10         element_equation      : N/A   -- flow equation for each element
11         bordermacayeal       : N/A   -- vertices on MacAyeal's border (for tiling)
12         borderpattyn          : N/A   -- vertices on Pattyn's border (for tiling)
13         borderstokes           : N/A   -- vertices on Stokes' border (for tiling)
```

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```

1 >> md.diagnostic
2
3 ans =
4
5 Diagnostic solution parameters:
6
7 Convergence criteria:
8   restol           : 0.0001      -- mechanical equilibrium residue convergence criterion
9   reltol           : 0.01        -- velocity relative convergence criterion, NaN -> not applied
10  abstol           : 10          -- velocity absolute convergence criterion, NaN -> not applied
11  maxiter          : 100         -- maximum number of nonlinear iterations
12  viscosity_overshoot : 0          -- over-shooting constant new-new+C*(new-old)
13
14 boundary conditions:
15   spcvx           : N/A         -- x-axis velocity constraint (NaN means no constraint)
16   spcvy           : N/A         -- y-axis velocity constraint (NaN means no constraint)
17   spcvz           : N/A         -- z-axis velocity constraint (NaN means no constraint)
18   icefront         : N/A         -- segments on ice front list (last column 0-> Air, 1-> Water, ... )
19
20 Rift options:
21   rift_penalty_threshold : 0      -- threshold for instability of mechanical constraints
22   rift_penalty_lock     : 10       -- number of iterations before rift penalties are locked
23
24 Penalty options:
25   penalty_factor     : 3          -- offset used by penalties: penalty = Kmax*10^offset
26   vertex_pairing      : N/A        -- pairs of vertices that are penalized
27
28 Other:
29   shelf_dampening    : 0          -- use dampening for floating ice ? Only for Stokes model
30   stokesreconditioning : 1000000000000000 -- multiplier for incompressibility equation. Only for Stokes model
31   referential         : N/A        -- local referential
32   requested_outputs   : N/A        -- additional outputs requested

```

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# Boundary conditions

Boundary conditions created automatically or manually

- Automatically:

```
1 >> md=SetIceSheetBC(md)
2 >> md=SetIceShelfBC(md, 'Front.exp')
3 >> md=SetMarineIceSheefBC(md, 'Front.exp')
```

- Manually: fields to change

- `md.diagnostic.spcvx`
- `md.diagnostic.spcvy`
- `md.diagnostic.spcvz`
- `md.diagnostic.icefront`

- To diplay the boundary conditions

```
1 >> plotmodel(md, 'data', 'BC')
```

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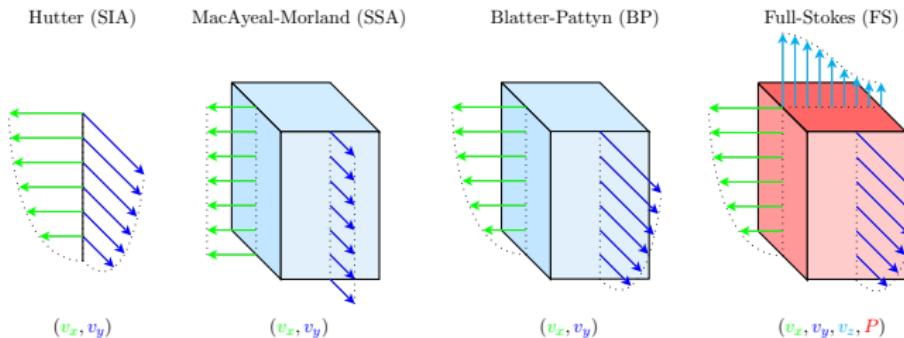
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*"Everything should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler."* Albert Einstein

Model	Dim.	Unknowns	Reference
Full-Stokes (FS)	3d	4	[Stokes, 1845]
Blatter-Pattyn (BP)	3d	2 + 1	[Blatter, 1995, Pattyn, 2003]
Shallow shelf (SSA)	2d	2 + 1	[MacAyeal, 1989]
Shallow ice (SIA)	2d	2 + 1	[Hutter, 1983]



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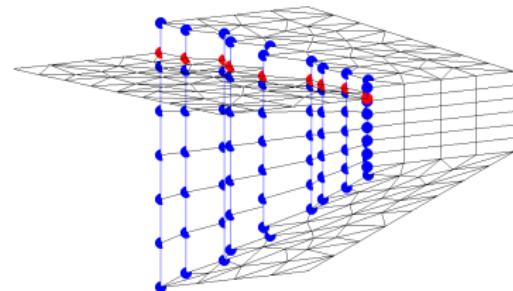
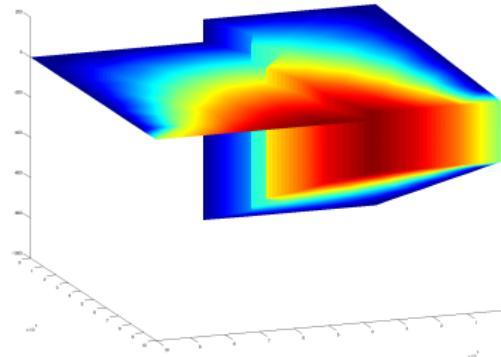
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## Penalty method

- Only to couple SSA and HO
- Very stiff spring to penalize differences between degrees of freedom



Using penalties to couple models:

```
1 md=setflowequation(md,'macayeal','FloatingIce.exp','fill','pattyn','coupling','penalties')
```

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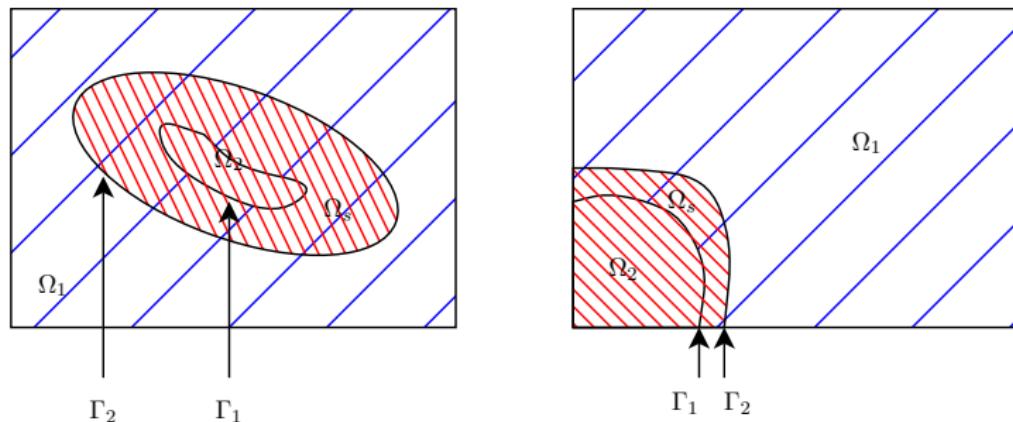
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## Domain Decomposition

- $\Omega = \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2$
- $\Omega_s = \Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2 \neq \emptyset$
- $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_1|_{\Omega_1} + \mathbf{u}_2|_{\Omega_2} \in \tilde{V}(\Omega) = (\mathcal{V}_1(\Omega_1) + \mathcal{V}_2(\Omega_2))$



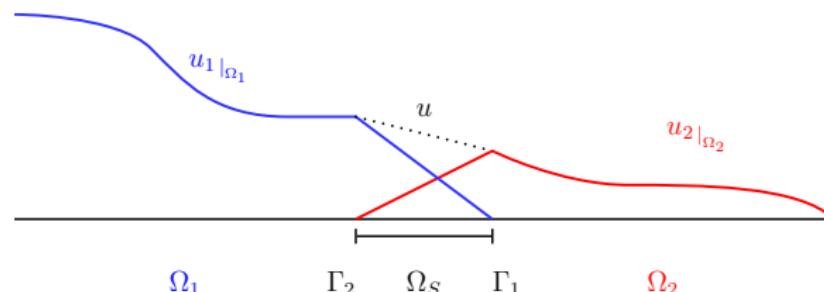
$$\text{Find } \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_1|_{\Omega_1} + \mathbf{u}_2|_{\Omega_2} \in \tilde{V},$$

$$\forall (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2) \in \tilde{V} \quad a(\mathbf{u}_1 + \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) = l(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2)$$

→ Infinite number of solutions for the continuous problem

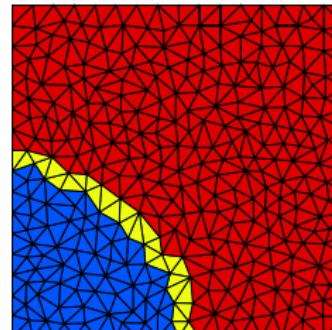
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## Discretization



We take advantage of the discretization to avoid the redundancy:

- Create one layer of elements in the superposition zone



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## Multi-model formulation

Two different models:  $a_1, a_2$  and  $l_1, l_2$

Find  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_1|_{\Omega_1} + \mathbf{u}_2|_{\Omega_2} \in (\mathcal{V}_1 + \mathcal{V}_2)$ , such that:

$$\forall \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_1|_{\Omega_1} + \mathbf{v}_2|_{\Omega_2} \in (\mathcal{V}_1 + \mathcal{V}_2)$$

$$\underbrace{a_1(\mathbf{u}_1|_{\Omega_1}, \mathbf{v}_1|_{\Omega_1})}_{\text{model 1}} + \underbrace{a_2(\mathbf{u}_2|_{\Omega_2}, \mathbf{v}_2|_{\Omega_2})}_{\text{model 2}} + \underbrace{a_2(\mathbf{u}_1|_{\Omega_1}, \mathbf{v}_2|_{\Omega_2}) + a_1(\mathbf{u}_2|_{\Omega_2}, \mathbf{v}_1|_{\Omega_1})}_{\text{model coupling}} = l_1(\mathbf{v}_1|_{\Omega_1}) + l_2(\mathbf{v}_2|_{\Omega_2})$$

- Coupling different mechanical models
- Easy to implement (local modification of stiffness matrices)

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`setflowequation` is used to generate the approximation used to compute the velocity

- Examples

```
1 md=setflowequation(md,'pattyn',md.elementongroundedice,'fill','macayeal','coupling','penalties')
2 md=setflowequation(md,'pattyn',md.elementongroundedice,'fill','macayeal','coupling','tiling')
3 md=setflowequation(md,'stokes','Contour.exp','fill','pattyn')
```

- Use `exptool` to create EXP contours

```
1 >> exptool('Contour.exp')
```

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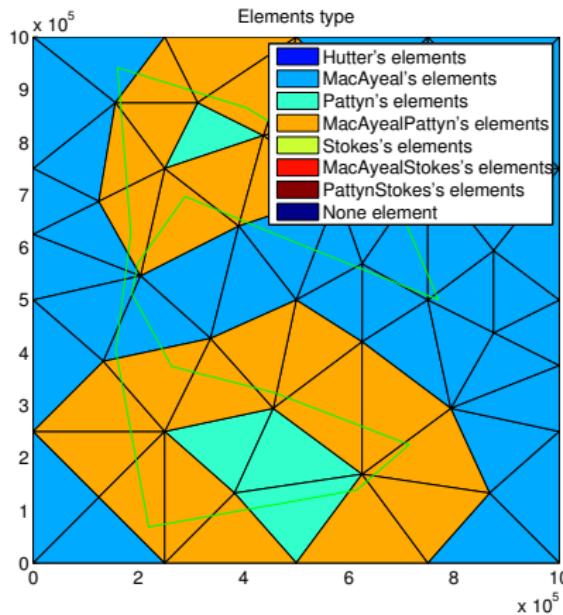
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# Flow equation

- To display the type of approximation:

```
1 plotmodel(md,'data','elements_type','edgecolor','k','expdisp','Contour.exp')
```



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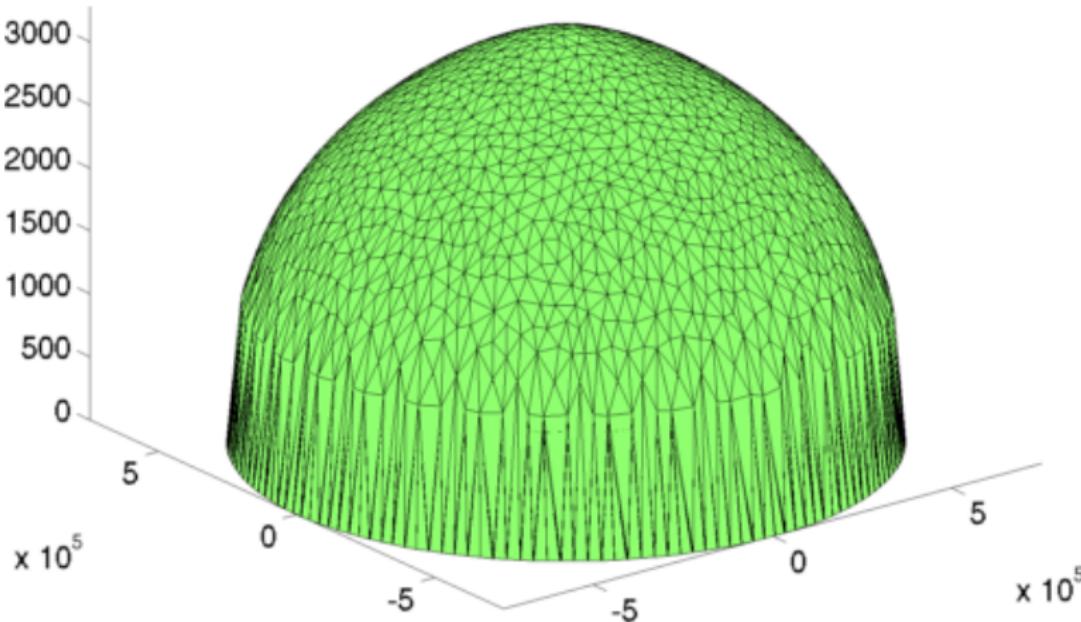
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# EISMINT

- European Ice Sheet Modeling INiTiative

## Objectives:

- Test and compare existing numerical ice-sheet, ice-shelf, and glacier models



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- Create mesh using `roundmesh`
- Circle of radius 750 km

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- Create mesh using `roundmesh`
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## Solution:

- `md=roundmesh (md, 750000, 30000);`

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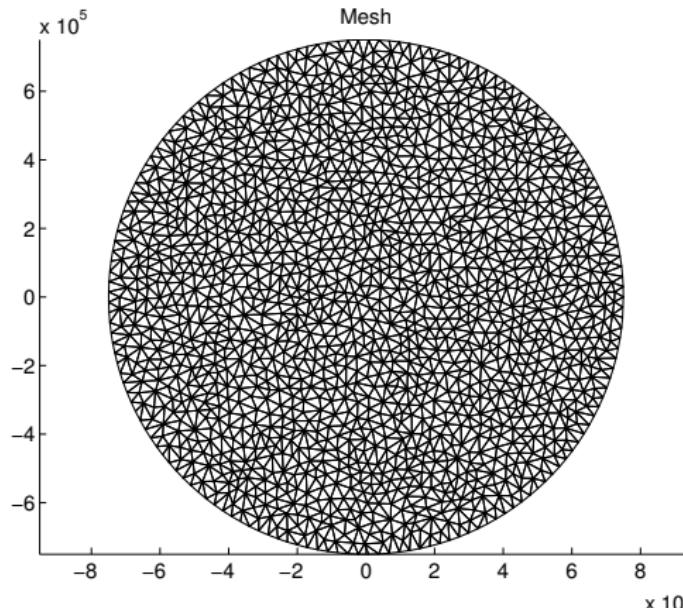
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# EISMINT

- Create mesh using `roundmesh`
- Circle of radius 750 km

**Solution:**

- `md=roundmesh (md, 750000, 30000);`
- `plotmodel (md, 'data', 'mesh');`



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- Define mask
- All grounded ice

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# EISMINT

- Define mask
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## Solution:

- `md=setmask (md,",");`

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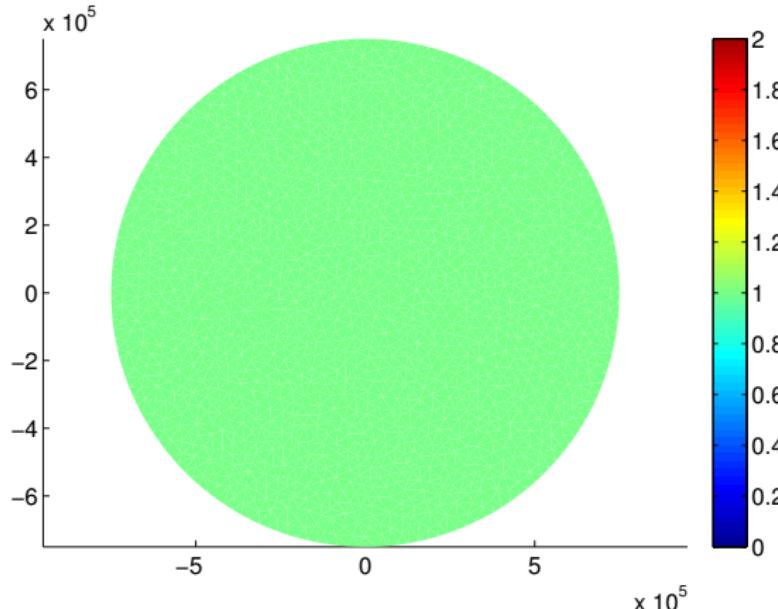
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# EISMINT

- Define mask
- All grounded ice

**Solution:**

- `md=setmask (md,",");`
- `plotmodel (md,'data',md.mask.elementongroundedice);`



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# EISMINT

- Parameterize
- use EISMINT.par

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## EISMINT

- Parameterize
- use EISMINT.par

### Solution:

- `md=parameterize(md,'EISMINT.par');`

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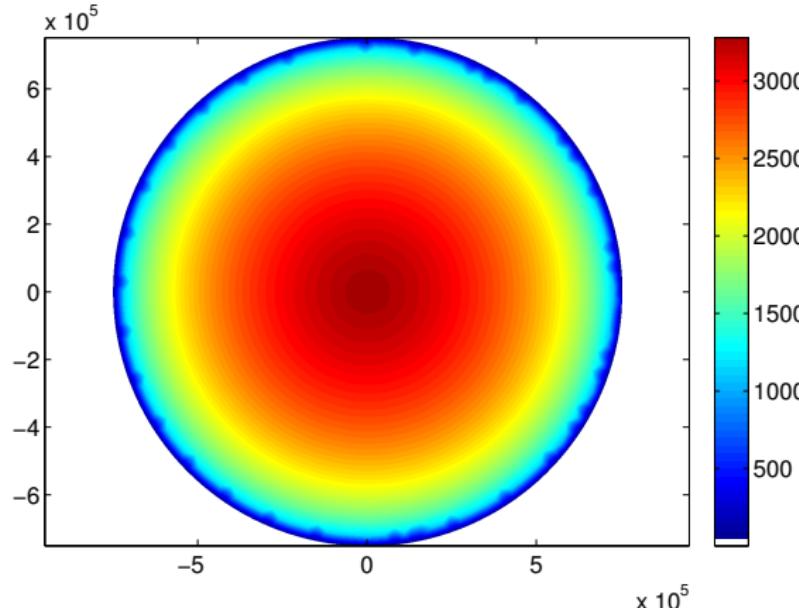
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# EISMINT

- Parameterize
- use EISMINT.par

**Solution:**

- `md=parameterize(md,'EISMINT.par');`
- `plotmodel(md,'data',md.geometry.surface)`



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- Extrude to create a 3d model
- use 10 layers equally distributed

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# EISMINT

- Extrude to create a 3d model
- use 10 layers equally distributed

## Solution:

- `md=extrude (md, 10, 1);`

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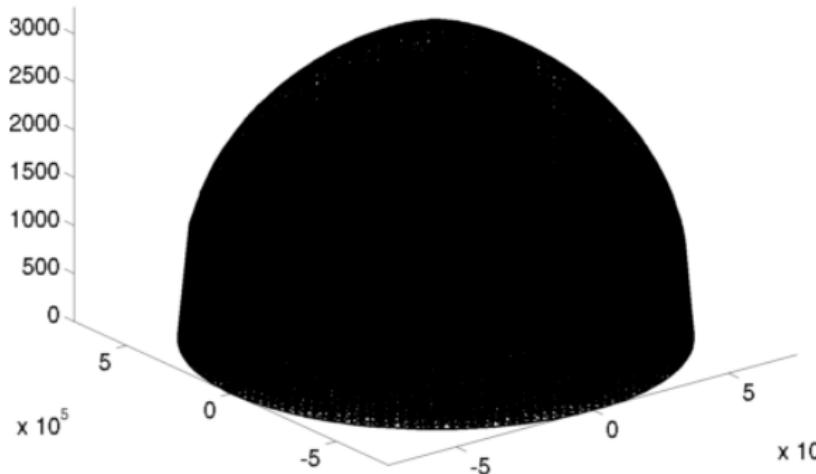
## EISMINT

- Extrude to create a 3d model
- use 10 layers equally distributed

### Solution:

- `md=extrude (md, 10, 1);`
- `plotmodel (md, 'data', 'mesh')`

Mesh



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- Set ice flow model
- Start with SIA (hutter), then HO (pattyn)

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# EISMINT

- Set ice flow model
- Start with SIA (hutter), then HO (pattyn)

## Solution:

- `md=setflowequation(md,'hutter','all');`

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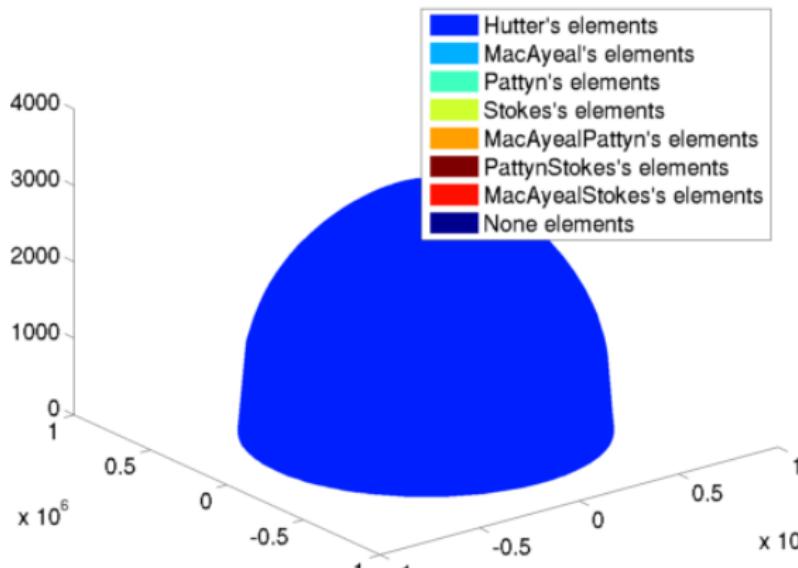
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# EISMINT

- Set ice flow model
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**Solution:**

- `md=setflowequation(md,'hutter','all');`
- `plotmodel(md,'data','elements_type')`  
Elements type



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- Adjust boundary conditions
- No sliding at the bed

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# EISMINT

- Adjust boundary conditions
- No sliding at the bed

## Solution:

- `pos=find(md.mesh.vertexonbed);`
- `md.diagnostic.spcvx(pos)=0;`
- `md.diagnostic.spcvy(pos)=0;`
- `md.diagnostic.spcvz(pos)=0;`

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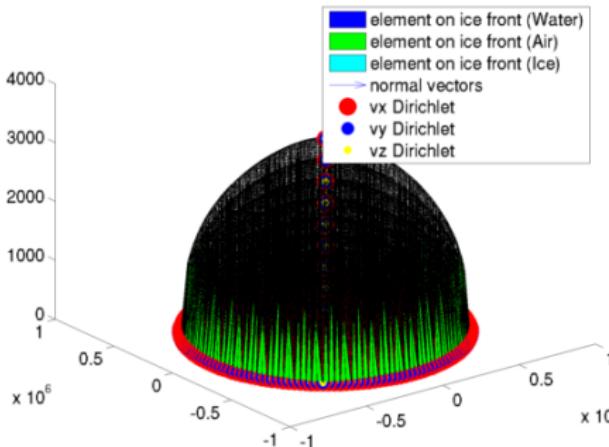
# EISMINT

- Adjust boundary conditions
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## Solution:

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- `md.diagnostic.spcvx(pos)=0;`
- `md.diagnostic.spcvy(pos)=0;`
- `md.diagnostic.spcvz(pos)=0;`
- `plotmodel(md,'data','BC')`

Boundary conditions



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A wide-angle photograph of a desolate, icy terrain. In the foreground, a flat expanse of white, textured snow or ice stretches across the frame. Beyond it, a range of mountains rises, their peaks covered in thick, white snow. The mountains are rugged, with deep shadows in the valleys and bright reflections on the snow. The sky above is a clear, pale blue, with a few wispy clouds near the horizon.

Thanks!